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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION UNIVERSAL

WHEREAS, the invention described in US Patent Application No. 10/706,325 entitled "GOLD AND SILVER RECOVERY FROM POLYMETALLIC SULFIDES BY TREATMENT WITH HALOGENS", which claimed the priority of US Patent Application 60/446,517, filed on February 12, 2003, or a part of said invention, was assigned on February 12, 2003 (hereinafter referred as the "past assignment") by 1) JEAN-MARC LALANCETTE; whose full address is 1) 470 Irene-Couture, Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada J1L 1J4 (hereinafter referred to as the "assignor") to NICHROMET EXTRACTION INC., whose full address is 1801, Av. McGill College, Bureau 1325, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2N4 (hereinafter referred to as the "assignee"); and

WHEREAS the assignor and the assignee are desirous of confirming this past assignment;

WHEREAS the assignor is desirous of assigning and the assignee is desirous of obtaining any part of said invention not previously assigned.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the assignor has and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said part of said invention not previously assigned as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any applications based thereon filed in any foreign country, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and under the Paris Convention; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention or inventions and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitute application(s) or supplementary disclosure(s) which may be filed upon said invention or inventions, in any country; and the assignor hereby authorizes and requests the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said assignee.

The assignor further agrees without any payment by said assignee other than expenses incurred by the undersigned, to communicate to said assignee, its representatives or agents, any facts relating to said invention or inventions, including evidence for interference purposes or for other proceedings, whenever requested; testify in any interference, litigation or other proceedings, whenever requested; and execute and deliver, on request, all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective, and likewise make these provisions binding upon the assignors heirs, legal representatives, administrators and assigns.

Les soussignés désirent que la présente cession soit en anglais. The undersigned request that the present assignment be in English.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the assignor and assignee have hereunto set their hands and seal.

WITNESS

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Jean-Marc Lalancette

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